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Chairman Kevin Martin Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy Commissioner Michael Copps Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket Number 05-192

Dear Chairman Martin and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, and Adelstein:

I write on behalf of the National Congress of Black Women in support of the pending joint acquisition of Adelphia cable systems by Comcast Corporation and Time Warner, Inc.

The NCBW was founded more than 20 years ago by a committed group of 35 African American women leaders of diverse organizations. We are a non-partisan organization whose objective is to increase the involvement of African American women in the political process. The NCBW has turned the spotlight on African American women and has ushered in an era of unprecedented growth that signals the ensuing empowerment of African American women through the 21st Century and beyond.

The NCBW supports this transaction because we are convinced that it is in the public's interest and we have full confidence in the stewardship of Comcast and Time Warner based on their commitment to the communities they currently serve.

First, the transaction will help the economy by saving the jobs of a now bankrupt Adelphia. And both companies commitment to invest a combined \$800 million on infrastructure upgrades will stimulate growth and open opportunities to minority owned contractors to participate in this large venture.

Secondly, both companies have a strong record of diversity both in programming and hiring. Comcast and Time Warner have invested billions to ensure that all communities they serve receive the highest quality service and they have fought attempts by other companies to bypass minority communities when building out their services. Both companies feel strongly that everyone should have access to high quality cable service that is why they provide free cable service through the Cable in the Classroom program to many schools, libraries, and community centers in predominantly low-income areas.

Lastly, consumers will benefit from improved and reliable service from the two leading companies in the cable industry. Adelphia's five million customers will realize improvements in the delivery of service, quality of service, and will have more access to advanced services such as video on demand, high speed broadband, and VoIP.

The NCBW has full faith in both companies that this proposed transaction will benefit consumers as well as their communities. We strongly support the acquisition of Adelphia by Time Warner and Comcast and urge the FCC to rule in its favor.

Sincerely,
Michelle Battle